

To the Right Honorable Sir Frederick Temple, Earl of Dufferin, K. P., K. C. B., Governor General of the Dominion of Canada:—

May it please Your Excellency to accept the respectful homage of the pupils of St. Mary's College, and the sentiments of gratitude which we all feel for the distinguished honor it has this day received.

This is the second time this institution has received within its walls the kind visits of a representative of Her Majesty, Our Gracious Sovereign, Queen Victoria. Already, before this, the Commander in Chief of the Forces in British North America, Governor in the interim, General Eyre, had deigned to honor by his presence one of the performances of our pupils. It will not then be without legitimate pride nor with a mediocre satisfaction that the history of the College will blend in its annals two names which have done us so much honor, and by the side of one of the heroes of Alma and Inkermann will place the name of the traveller, of the savant, and of the administrator, who, scarcely in the middle of his career, has already achieved his titles to immortality. For us, that which above all moves us at this time, is the noble and intelligent sympathy which your Excellency has for all the different elements of which our population is composed. Gathered from all parts of the Dominion, and made up of heterogeneous elements, our little Collegiate Society breathes with ease in the presence of the man who has had thoughts sufficiently high and a heart sufficiently large to comprehend that, in the language of one of the ancients, there is nothing so popular as goodness. *Nihil est enim tam populare quam bonitas*—[Cicero].

After the fashion of him who attends to the whole without neglecting details, your Excellency has sought in your active solicitude to see with your eyes and touch with your fingers our wants and our resources, our present state, and our future hopes.

And in thus seeing you descend from that high dignity, behind which so many others have entrenched themselves,—to visit our public institutions of learning, deigning even to confer such a favor on ourselves, we feel, and assure our august Sovereign of it, that this condescension will still further contribute to strengthen the feelings of loyalty and devotion hitherto implanted in our hearts for Her Gracious Majesty.

Permit us in concluding, Your Excellency, to hope that it may please Lady Dufferin to receive and share with her noble husband the feelings of esteem, respect and affectionate regard which animate your devoted children.

ENGLISH ADDRESS.

May it Please Your Excellencies:

We, the English speaking students of St. Mary's College, are deeply grateful to Your Excellency and Lady Dufferin for your kind visit to our Alma Mater to-day. This visit is a great honor both to our profession and to ourselves. It convinces us that Your Excellency appreciates the efforts which the Fathers of the Company of Jesus are making at the present day, as their predecessors did two centuries ago in this country, for the advancement of education. Our good Fathers are not accustomed to the language of praise; but it would be ungrateful on our part if we did not take this opportunity of your Excellency's amiable visit to testify our appreciation of, and our gratitude for, their untiring efforts for our weal and the weal of the Dominion, which happily possesses Earl Dufferin as its Governor General.

This visit is also a great honour to ourselves. We have read of the visits Your Excellency, in company with the Countess Dufferin, has made to several educational

establishments in Canada, and whilst we remarked the deep interest Your Excellency takes in the great cause of education, we have been particularly struck with the kind amiability Your Excellency has always shown to students. This kindness can tend only to make us still more loyal (if possible) to that Gracious Sovereign, Your Excellency so worthily represents in our midst. We say, if possible, for Your Excellency, we Catholic Students of St. Mary's, will yield to none in loyalty. Our Fathers have always taught us to love God and our Fatherland.

Your Excellency, St. Mary's College is advantageously known for its literary and musical entertainments; but no description will ever convey so good an idea as personal attendance. May we not cherish a hope, that soon, the noble Earl and Countess Dufferin will grace one of our dramatic efforts with their kindly presence?

Meanwhile, we pray that God will have both Your Excellencies in His keeping, and that you may be long spared to rule over Canada.

To the first of these,

His Excellency read a reply in French of which the following is a translation:—

My Young Friends—I thank you heartily for the reception you have given the Countess Dufferin and myself, and it is with the greatest pleasure that we visit institutions such as these. We are happy to see with our own eyes, not only the superiors and their mode of administration, but also the pupils themselves. I am gratified to be able to tell you what interest our gracious Queen takes in all her subjects, in every portion of her empire, and especially how watchfully she observes the education of youth. I hope, then, that every one of you will strive to respond to this solicitude by taking advantage of every opportunity which comes in your way, and that your life will be spent in praising God, and honouring your country. It is the best testimonial you could offer your professors.

His Excellency in acknowledging the second address replied extemporaneously as follows:—I feel however, ladies and gentlemen, and my young friends, that the very imperfect replies which I have had the honour of making to the addresses both from the professors and from the French portion of this assembly, would be incomplete did I not express, in a very few sentences, to those English-speaking students the extreme pleasure which I have had in paying them this visit. I regret very much it has not been possible for Her Excellency to accompany me. She had looked forward with very great impatience to this occasion, because not only was she naturally interested in visiting one of the most celebrated educational establishments of Canada, but she was also well aware that within your walls the art of music was cultivated to a more successful degree than in any other educational establishment on the continent of America. Unfortunately, however, a somewhat too great devotion to the duties of her station, has exhausted her strength and rendered it utterly impossible for her to be present to-day. I am well aware how very much every one who desires to see spread abroad amongst all sections of our population, a feeling of patriotism—of devotion to the Throne and the constitutional institutions of their native country, is indebted to the admirable education, and to those loyal and sound principles of conduct which are here inculcated. The reputation of the Fathers who superintend your studies, had already reached my ears before I had even set my foot in Montreal; and as I look around me upon this vast assembly of intelligent youths, to each of whom is being extended every possible advantage which the most earnest solicitude can contrive, to fit them for those struggles and responsibilities, which within a very few years they will be called upon to